

# Civil Disobedience Successfully Observed

By A Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, Jan. 11—The people trying to board rail, to lathi-charge at Barpeta, Jorhat, Baihata-chariali and North Guwahati to disperse large groups of people trying to board rail, bus and ferries without tickets on the concluding day of the 36-hour Civil Disobedience programme which ended this evening. About 500 picketers were arrested from various parts of the State.

The call for the Civil Disobedience was given by the All Assam Students Union and the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad. The people were also called not to purchase postal stamps nor to transact any monetary business in post offices besides non-payment of amusement taxes on cinema tickets as part of the programme.

At Guwahati, the Assam State Transport Corporation operated a much smaller fleet of buses in convoys with very few passengers with armed CRP escort. The ASTC also operated a few city buses with police escorts but without many passengers.

The ferry services also operated all the day through but with hardly any passenger.

The post offices and the cinema halls in the city look deserted, as the people boycotted postal transactions and avoided buying cinema tickets.

In all 142 people including 85 women and girls and several student leaders were arrested all over the city.

According to our Barpeta Correspondent the police and CRPF burst tear gas shells and used lathis when a strong crowd of 2,500 tried to force their way into the STC Bus station here, breaking the CRPF and police cordon. The students union claimed that the police and CRPF fired few rounds of blank shots to disperse the crowd. The CRPF and police also entered into the college hostel. 14 students including nine girls were arrested.

Meanwhile a reign of terror was let loose today at Barpeta town today. The CRPF were

out in the streets and made indiscriminate beating up of people. An old woman on her way to Kirtanghar to attend her daily prayer was mercilessly beaten. A youngman riding on a bicycle was severely beaten. People were arrested while they were asleep. It is reported that some unknown miscreants indulged in stone throwing. Arrested persons were not released. Five persons were also arrested at Sarbhog.

The Police and CRPF mercilessly beat up peaceful picketers at Baihata-Chariali today and some of the picketers were injured due to lathi-charge. Even the shop-keepers and passer-by were not spared. The Pub-Kamrup Students Union condemned the lathi-charge.

Civil disobedience was observed successfully at Nowgong, Sibsagar, Jorhat, Lanka, Golaghat, Dergaon and Dikhowmukh, according to our correspondents.

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## Karbi Anglong Bandh Complete & Total

From Our Correspondent Parishad, Diphu Government

DIPHU, Jan 11—A dawn to dusk Karbi Anglong District Bandh was spontaneously and successfully observed through out the District. In support to the call given by the people of Karbi Anglong no vehicle passed through the roads of Assam, thereby extending their support to the Assam movement and sharing the sentiment of the people of Assam. The Assam administration so long has given publicity that no movement on foreign national issue was successfully carried on in Karbi Anglong district. But the Karbis and others have shown with the successful observance of Bandh today that they are also part and parcel of Assam movement.

Parishad, Diphu Government College Students' Union, Chattrasommonoyrakshy Samittee, Minority Community Association, Diphu Sakha Sahitya Sabha extended full support to the Bandh by wearing black badges and observing mass fasting today as a mark of respect to all martyrs. Sri Barpuram Singha, General Secretary, Karbi Anglong Sommonoyrakshy Sangram Parishad congratulated the people of Karbi Anglong for successful observance of the Bandh and called for carrying out the movement more vigorously till the foreign national issue was settled.

The 12-hour Bandh call was given in protest against brutal killings of eight persons in CRPF firing and atrocities at Nowgong, Tezpur and Guwahati.

The Bandh call was given by Karbi Anglong District Sommonoyrakshy Sangram parishad.

The civil administration in Karbi Anglong was completely paralysed due to the Bandh. All Government offices including District Council office and all the educational institutions at Diphu and other places remained closed. All shops and bazars at Diphu were completely closed. Vehicular traffic including State Transport and public buses remained suspended. The banks did not functioned at Bokajan, Cement factory, bazar at Bokajan remained closed. Total Bandh was observed at Silonipam, Sariahjan, Dellai, Manja Bokulkia Howraghat, Langhin, Phuloni Dokmoka, Dengaon, Parokhowa, Donkmokam, Baithalangsua, Hamren, paralysing normal function in the Government offices, educational institution and bazars. Karbi Anglong District Karmachari